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SUBJ: ATTEMPT BY U.S. CONGRESS TO SUBPOENA BANK RECORDS OF
KOREAN UN MISSION

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1. WITH REFERENCE AMBASSADOR-FOREIGN MINISTER CONVERSATION
REPORTED REFTEL, VICE FOREIGN MINISTER YOON TOKD DCM THAT
ROK WOULD BE WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH CONGRESSIONAL COM-
MITTEE ON THE QUESTION OF BANK ACCOUNTS JUST AS IT DID WHEN
ISSUE AROSE WITH JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. ROK POSITION IS THAT
IT HAS "NOTHING TO HIDE" AND WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IF IT WERE
APPROACHED QUIETLY AND NOT PUBLICLY. VICE MINISTER
REEMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF "FACE-SAVING" FOR ROK AND SUGGESTED
THAT PRIVATE APPROACHES MUCT BETTER, IN THE KOREAN TRADITION.

2.DURING CONVERSATION,YOON ALSO EXPRESSED DISMAY THAT
AMBASSADOR KIM DONG JO WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE SAME GROUP
OF FIVE, WHOSE ALLEGED FAVORS TO CONGRESSMEN ARE NOW
UNDER INVESTIGATION. HE WAS SURPRISED THAT AN AMBASSADOR
SHOULD BE MENTIONED IN THE SAME BREATH WITH PARK TONG-SUN.
DCM'S RESPONSE THAT IT WAS THE CONGRESSMEN AND NOT THE
AMBASSADOR WHO WERE UNDER INVESTIGATION DID NOT SEEM TO
MOLLIFY HIM.

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